

OTTAWA JEWISH BULLETIN & REVIEW

The Fifth Cup



As we celebrate Passover,
we must renew our dedication
to the vision of a life of freedom
and dignity for all our people.

This year, let us fill
the Fifth Cup, the Cup of Elijah,
as a symbol of Jewish hope
and strength.

We Are One

Chag Sameach
UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OF OTTAWA

Zeev Vered, General Chairman, Alfred Friedman, Sol Shinder, Associate General Chairmen.
Simone Goldberg, Chairman, Women's Division, Dorothy Nadolny, Ruth Viner, Vice Chairmen.

PASSOVER: THE FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM FIRST SEDER WEDNESDAY APRIL 14

Passover, the Festival commemorating Israel's deliverance from the yoke of Egyptian bondage 3,500 years ago, will be ushered in on Wednesday evening, April 14 and will be observed for a period of eight days until sundown, Thursday, April 22.

Passover has become a symbol of humanity's first Festival of Freedom. To our people, however, it is more than a lesson. Rich in symbolism, it provides a unique method of identification with the faith and eternity of the Jewish people. It is the holiday that gives stress to our role as guardian of the young, for they have a special part in its celebration. It is the holiday that attempts, in a most picturesque way, to convey to its celebrants the joy, beauty and feeling of our heritage of which it is part.

Israel's Unfinished Business

Five wars in 28 years mean that human needs are put off, time and time again. The delays have spelled bitterness and frustration for earlier generations of Israel's immigrants — particularly Jews from Moslem countries of Asia and North Africa, who make up 64% of Israel's population.

Leaving behind centuries of poverty, illiteracy and fear, they came to Israel by the hundreds of thousands dreaming of a better life. These Sephardim settled largely in agricultural settlements, development towns and outlying districts.

Unable to move quickly into the mainstream of Israeli society, because they had few skills and little education, a social gap developed. The gap widens each time we defer social programs for lack of funding.

The gap in housing: One of every four Jewish children lives in overcrowded conditions — more than three to a room. Plans to spend \$26 million to build new housing for 65,000 immigrant families have been deferred for a second time.

The gap in education: 70% of Sephardi children have less than a 9th grade education, only one in ten ever makes it through high school, and a mere 15% of those attend college. The impact of this year's budget cuts on education are severe. Plans to extend free compulsory education through the 10th grade have been postponed and High School tuition will increase by 50%.

The gap in income: More than 70% of Sephardi families live on income less than half the average Israeli's. In 1976, higher taxes and spiralling food costs will mean tremendous hardships for families already on the poverty line.

The people of Israel do not have natural resources, so the development of brain-power is essential to provide the skills necessary to eard a living. The support of programs for children who could not otherwise afford an education is therefore vitally important.

There are children from illiterate backgrounds, children who do not speak Hebrew and children from highly cultured environments, all in need of an education.

The Jewish Agency's 1976 education budget has been slashed by \$7 million. The impact of these cuts on Israeli children is beyond calculation. The people of Israel have the third highest rate of university attendance in the world. They also have an illiteracy rate of 10%. Plans to extend free compulsory education through the 10th grade have been postponed.

Though 94,000 students will receive scholarship assistance from the Jewish Agency in 1976, many children, primarily from poor families, will not be able to afford the 50% increase in school tuition. Their families cannot give up even the meager incomes these youngsters can bring in.

Though Israel's seven universities serve 52,000 students, if they are to survive the twin pressures of inflation and budget cutbacks, they must have help.

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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VAAD REPORT

by David Loeb,
President, Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir



After several weeks of study and soul-searching, the U.J.A. Budget & Allocations Committee has finally come up with recommendations for the disposition of the funds raised in last year's campaign. The subsidies cover agency operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976.

The Committee faced two basic problems. One was to reconcile increased local requirements with our responsibility to Israel. The second complication was a short-fall of some \$240,000, as compared with 1974. What has become patently clear is that we are simply not raising enough to satisfy all the demands being made on the central community fund. More money will be needed in 1976 even with the restraints and belt-tightening measures we are insisting that our agencies introduce when planning their budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

I wish to thank Norman Zagerman, the Chairman of the Committee and his colleagues for executing a difficult and time-consuming task with dedication and responsibility. They cut as much as possible and then consulted with campaign and agency leadership before reaching a final conclusion. The figures which appear below are self-explanatory, but if you have any questions, I will be pleased to hear from you. The Vaad is the steward of these funds and has the responsibility to donors to report on their disposition. Moreover, as we stand on the threshold of the 1976 campaign, it is important for you to understand the way in which your contributions are used for health, welfare and humanitarian purposes in Israel and the maintenance of Jewish life in Ottawa.

1975 United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa

How it is proposed to Allocate the U.J.A. Dollar in 1975-76

PLEDGES	Dollars	Percent
United Jewish Appeal Regular Campaign	\$1,027,392.	49.8
Emergency Campaign for Israel	1,034,190.	50.2
	\$2,061,582.	100.0
ALLOCATIONS		
Israel and Overseas Services	1,027,630.	49.8
Emergency Campaign for Israel	215,870.	10.5
Israel and Overseas Sub-total	1,243,500.	60.3
National Services		
Canadian Jewish Congress	29,500.	1.4
United Jewish Relief Relief Agencies	69,325.	3.4
Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada	6,834.	.3
Canadian Jewish Museum and Archives	2,000.	.1
Ancient Hebrew Manuscript Microfilm Fund	2,500.	.1
Foundation for Academic Exchanges	3,000.	.1
National Services Sub-Total	113,159.	5.4
Local Community Services		
Ottawa Talmud Torah	297,000.	14.4
Jewish Community Centre	186,000.	9.0
Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir	75,000.	3.6
Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth	6,500.	.3
Camp B'nai B'rith	8,000.	.4
Temple Israel Religious School	12,000.	.6
Ottawa Modern Jewish School	5,500.	.3
Jewish Students Union	10,000.	.5
Soviet Immigrant Aid Program	5,000.	.3
Judaic Studies—Carleton University Grant	5,000.	.3
Debt Retirement Program	—	.
O.J.C. Endowment & Bequest Foundation	3,000.	.1
Local Community Services Sub-Total	613,000.	29.9
Administrative Costs		
Campaign and Year-round Expenses	72,850.	3.5
Shrinkage Allowance—U.J.A.	6,513.	.3
Shrinkage Allowance—Emergency	6,560.	.3
Administrative Costs Sub-total	85,923.	4.1
Affiliation Fees		
Council of Jewish Federations & Welfare Funds	6,000.	.3
TOTALS	\$2,061,582.	100.0

The officers, members and staff of the Vaad join me in wishing you and your families a Happy Pesach.

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Yael Dayan Speaks to U.J.A. Women's Function

Over 60 canvassers of the Women's Division of the 1976 United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa attended a luncheon meeting with special guest Yael Dayan, on Tuesday, March 23, at the Jewish Community Centre.

The noted author, daughter of Moshe Dayan, spoke of the "quantity of survival".



Honour Mervin Mirsky as B'nai B'rith Citizen of the Year

Mervin Mirsky, B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No. 885 Citizen of the Year for 1975, accepts the testimonial plaque at the Citation Award Dinner in his honour on Wednesday, March 24, 1976 at the Jewish Community Centre. Sam Zaret, President of the Lodge made the presentation to Mr. Mirsky. Shown with them from left to right are Martin Tatz, Chairman of the Planning Committee, the Honourable John N. Turner, P.C., the principal speaker of the evening and Hy Hochberg, Chairman of the evening. Over 300 men attended the prestigious event.

CHECK YOUR ISRAEL BONDS! IF THEY MATURE IN 1976 REDEEM THEM AND RE-INVEST AGAIN

In 1976 (beginning March 1) Israel will pay out approximately \$45.5-million to holders of Third Development 12-year Savings Bonds and Second Development 15-year Coupon Bonds.

These payments will fall due on the maturity date for approximately \$36-million of the Savings Bonds appreciating at a value of 160% and the balance in the full principal for the Coupon Bonds on the due date for the 30th and last interest coupon.

If you are a holder of Bonds of either one of these issues, we urge you to submit them for redemption immediately for two reasons:

No interest after maturity

1. Israel Bonds stop paying interest after they reach the date of maturity.
2. If you wish Israel to have the full benefit of your investment, matured Bonds should be redeemed promptly and reinvested in new Bonds of the current Reconstruction and Development Issue.

Holders of Bonds which mature this year can take pride in the fact that their long-term investment has contributed significantly to Israel's economic development in difficult and critical years. They can also derive satisfaction and inspiration from the fact that Israel has never failed to meet any of its financial obligations and is in a position to repay their Bonds in full and with all earned interest.

Since its inception twenty-five years ago, The Israel Bond Organization has sold more than \$3.2-billion in Israel Bonds and of that amount, the State of Israel has already repaid a total of \$1.3-billion.

Reinvestment made easy

We ask you to redeem your Bonds at Maturity and to follow the example of so many other Bond purchasers who have used the redemption money on their matured Bonds to reinvest and buy Bonds in larger amounts than ever before.

The year 1976 will, under the best circumstances, be a year of austerity and economic hardship for the people of Israel. It will be a year when they will rely on Israel Bonds to a greater extent than ever before to maintain the development of the economy and to increase production to reduce a staggering balance of payments deficit of \$3.7-billion and to avoid a 30% increase in unemployment.

Your Israel Bonds this year, as in the past, must stand as a bulwark of strength as Israel continues its determined efforts to achieve a lasting peace.

Holocaust Essay Contest Winning Entry BORN IN THE FOREST A Holocaust Story

It's the spring of 1942 and a Jewish family sits together in a little town in Russia celebrating Passover. Mother is pregnant and 1942 does not seem to be a good year to bring another Jewish baby into the world.

The Germans have not yet come into the town but the Russian Forces have left and the Germans should be moving in any day now. There are reports that the Germans are putting Jews into ghettos in each town that they capture and that some are being shot.

Mother and father do not know what to do. They have lived in this town their entire lives and have many Jewish and non-Jewish relatives and friends. Should they stay or leave? If they leave, where should they go? In the end, they decide to stay; perhaps the stories about the Germans are just stories.

May, 1942. The Germans arrive with a Lithuanian detachment. The town is sealed off. Jews are ordered to move into a ghetto. Able-bodied men and women must register to work for the Germans. My parents register and Mother is able to conceal the fact that she is pregnant. But it's only a matter of time till they find out.

June, 1942. Life is somehow normal in the village. The work for the Germans is hard but there is enough food and the living quarters are not too bad. Concealing Mother's pregnancy is becoming more difficult. She is beginning to show and the work is very hard for her. Should the baby be aborted? Other women are doing this. My parents decide that they are going to have their baby.

July, 1942. My parents return home after a tiring day's work and there is a loud knock on their door. A gentle neighbour who is friendly with my Mother is outside our door. She is shaking. "They're coming for you tonight. You're going to be taken away". She had overheard two Lithuanian soldiers who were staying in her house talking about the deportation. "You must leave now. Run to the forest. Maybe the partisans will help you".

So they ran and ran and ran and finally reached the forest. That night all the Jews in the town were rounded up and deported by the Germans. None were ever to return.

Mother and father wandered in the forest for days until they were found by a band of partisans. There were Jews among the partisans and they were safe. In December of 1942 my sister Fran was born in that forest.

by Anonymous

This essay was submitted to the judges of the Holocaust Essay Contest with a request that it be signed Anonymous for personal and family reasons. The judges unanimously decided that of all the entries received this year, this one had the greatest merit.

TWO WAYS TO SPEND PASSOVER SEDER

FIRST NIGHT

Congregation Machzikei Hadas
2310 Virginia Drive
Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$12. per adult
Cost \$ 6. per child under 12

For reservations call 521-9700.

The Russian Jewish families recently arrived in Ottawa have been invited to this Seder.

SECOND NIGHT

Agudath Israel Congregation
1400 Coldrey Avenue

Thursday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$12. per adult
\$6. per child under 12

For reservations call 728-3501

This Seder has been designed for family participation.

PASSOVER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE OTTAWA VAAD HAKASHRUTH

The Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth has once again made arrangements for the production of the following Kosher L'Pesach items in Ottawa under its endorsement:

Milk — Passover milk will be bottled by Borden's Dairy, under the supervision of Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka. This year there will be Skim, 2% and Homogenized milk available. Borden's will also supply Clark and Sealtest Dairies with their requirements. It will be available at retail outlets and from your milkman beginning Tuesday, April 13. Tell your milkman what you will need. Please look for the special Passover label on each carton.

Soft Drinks — The following brands will be bottled under the supervision of Rabbi Dr. Simon L. Eckstein:

PURESPRING Ginger Ale — Large Size
PURESPRING Soda Water — Large Size

Please look for the special Passover label on each bottle.

With respect to Passover products, the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir recommends items carrying the following Kosher for Passover labels:

MK — under the supervision of the Montreal Vaad Ha'Ir — Vaad Harabonim.

COR — under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, Toronto.

U-O — under the supervision of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, New York.

Consult your Rabbi concerning the reliability of any other kashruth endorsement.

Many Israeli 'Kosher for Passover' products are available and I recommend their use. Always look for the Kosher for Passover marking.

Please make sure that the Matzoth you purchase bears the inscription "Kosher L'Pesach — Kosher for Passover Use".

SPECIAL NOTICES

United Kosher Meat & Deli Limited, 378 Richmond Road, will be closed for the Passover Holiday April 14 to April 25 inclusive — re-opening Monday, April 26, 1976.

The last delivery will be on Tuesday, April 13. Please order accordingly so as not to be left short. They will be carrying a full line of Passover groceries and cooked foods for Pesach use.

Aideau Bakery will not be in production till Sunday, Sunday, April 25. Therefore there will not be any Challos or other breads available for Shabbat April 23-24.

Best wishes to you and your family for a happy and kosher Pesach.

A Time to Remember

How does one commemorate the death of six million Jews? It is no easy task, to be sure. Even Elie Wiesel, Auschwitz survivor and Holocaust novelist, expressed difficulty in finding a proper observance. Wrote Wiesel: "What must one say? How many candles should one light, now many prayers should one recite, and how many times? Perhaps someone knows the answer. I don't. I am still searching...."

We too are searching. And while there is no answer, there is at least one thing we can do. That is, to light a Yahrzeit candle on the night of the annual observance of Yom Ha-Shoah (Holocaust Day). Yom Ha-Shoah is now observed in Israel and throughout the world on the 27th of Nisan. This year it falls on Monday night, and Tuesday, April 26-27. The Holocaust Memorial Committee asks every Jewish family in Ottawa to light a candle Monday night for the six million martyrs of the Holocaust.

One of the primary commandments (mitzvot of our day is to remember. As Jews we must never forget the evil perpetrated upon our people only a generation ago. Lighting this Yahrzeit candle will help us fulfill part of our obligation to remember the Six Million.

In Shakespeare's celebrated play, Hamlet implores his friend Horatio to inform the world after Hamlet's death of the misdeeds that led to the dismal scene of Hamlet's demise. "Tell my story", he says. If the six million Jewish martyrs could speak today, they would say to us: Remember! Zakhor! Tell our story!

The Yahrzeit candle and a suitable prayer are the very least we can do to help assure the immortality to which they are entitled.

Holocaust Exhibit at City Hall

On Monday, April 19, 1976, the Holocaust Memorial Committee will officially open an exhibit of Yad Vashem photographs with suitable remarks, readings, music and prayer. An appropriate film and slide program will run continuously during period of display, April 19-23.

Please plan to take part in this meaningful experience.

Hersh Smolar to speak at J.C.C.

You are cordially invited to attend the regular meeting of the Golden Age Club on Monday, May 3, 1976, at 1:30 p.m. to hear noted Yiddish speaker, Professor Hersh Smolar of Tel Aviv University.

This program has been arranged in co-operation with the Ottawa Holocaust Memorial Committee.

Hillel Lodge becomes U.J.A. Beneficiary

David Loeb, President of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir (Jewish Community Council of Ottawa), is pleased to announce that Hillel Lodge (Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged) has been designated a beneficiary of the 1976 United Jewish Appeal Campaign.

Hillel Lodge, located in fine facilities at 125 Wurttemberg Street, is a resident home for Jewish senior citizens. It is accredited by the Ontario Government. Ben B. Levin is president. Yale Greenberg is executive director.

Beneficiary Agencies of the 1976 United Jewish Appeal

For Israel and Overseas Relief

Israel Emergency Fund
United Israel Appeal
Joint Distribution Committee

For Ottawa Jewish Community Services

Ottawa Talmud Torah
Temple Israel Religious School
Ottawa Modern Jewish School
Jewish Community Centre
Hillel Lodge (Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged)
Camp B'nai B'rith
Jewish Students Union
B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and Zeehui
Judaic Studies Program - Carleton University
Canada-Israel Academic Exchange Program
Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir
Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth

For National Services

Canadian Jewish Congress
United Jewish Relief Agencies of Canada
Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada
Canadian Jewish Museum & Archives
Ancient Hebrew Manuscript Microfilm Project

ESTABLISH HARRY COOPER MEMORIAL FUND

The Officers and Directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment and Bequest Foundation are pleased to announce that Mrs. Jean Cooper has established a Fund to perpetuate the memory of her late husband Harry. The Fund will be known as "The Harry Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund". Mrs. Cooper plans to add to the capital each year during her lifetime.

The Harry Cooper Fund brings the total number under Foundation administration to ten. In little less than three years, sufficient capital has been contributed to generate an income which is expected to exceed \$25,000. in 1976. It will be used entirely for charitable, religious and educational purposes. There are no administrative costs or charges against income.

The Development Committee of the Foundation is currently engaged in an orientation effort which is designed to acquaint the community with the Letter of Intent program. Anyone interested in obtaining further information is asked to contact Casey Swedlove, Executive Secretary of the Foundation at 236-2993.

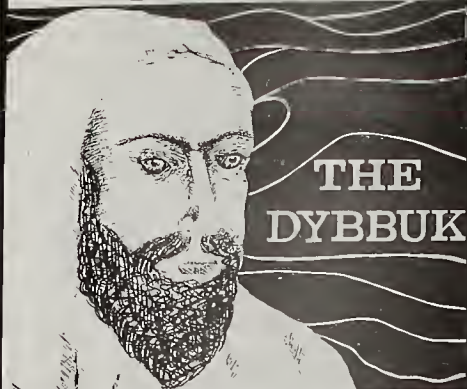
Canada-Israel Committee Conference and Dinner — Wednesday and Thursday, April 28-29

The annual Conference and Dinner for Members of Parliament will take place at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa on Wednesday, April 28 thru Thursday, April 29.

On the Conference agenda will be sessions on the Arab boycott; Canadian Foreign Policy in the Middle East; the Dinner for Members of Parliament with guest speaker Haim Zadok, Israel Minister of Justice; two working luncheons; and other items of importance.

If you have not received an invitation to the conference and would like to attend, call Joe Peimer at 232-7306.

SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE CENTRE PRESENTS



STARRING DAVID OPATOSHU
IN THE ISRAELI COLOUR
PRODUCTION
Hebrew Dialogue

English Sub-titles

Admission: Adults \$2.00 Children \$1.00

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 — 8:15 PM

BBYO is ready, are you?

BBG and AZA are now open for business. BBG Girls meet every second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and AZA Boys meet every second Thursday at 8:30 in the gym and are planning to meet every Sunday at 1:00 o'clock. Contact Mike Wolfe for more information at 232-7306

DAY CAMP STAFF SOUGHT

Applications for senior counsellors are available through the program office. Requirements: completed grade 12. Minimum salary — \$200. Increments based on age, grade and experience.

If your son or daughter goes to school out-of-town and plans to spend the summer in Ottawa, please enquire if they are interested.

There are no positions for junior counsellors available. We will take names for a waiting list. Contact Mike Wolfe at 232-7306 for more information.



SPRING SHAPE-UP SESSION

Join the ladies of the West End Rhythmic Fitness Class and get in shape for golf, gardening and that glamorous swim suit. The next course begins on Monday, April 12 and will run thru Thursday, May 27. Classes are held from Monday through Thursday at 9:30 — 10:15 a.m. at Agudath Israel Synagogue, 1400 Coldrey Avenue. An added feature will be the "Lose and Win Club" for those who wish to shed a few unwanted pounds. Doreen Keir is the Instructor and anyone wishing more information should contact chairman Ethel Taylor at 728-4802.

The Jewish Community Centre invites you to an

Exhibition and Sale
of Fine Israeli Art

brought to Canada by Jacob Adler
Jacob Adler Gallery, Bat Yam Israel

Sunday, May 2 thru Sunday, May 9

Gallery Lounge, Jewish Community Centre
151 Chapel Street, Ottawa

GET READY

THE ANNUAL ISRAEL WALKATHON
IS COMING ON SUNDAY, MAY 16

This year there are three Metric Ways to go

WALK	JOG	RIDE
18 KM	18 KM	54 KM

New and exciting route

The Ottawa Jewish Community project in Ma'alot is half completed with your participation and support we will raise the outstanding amount this year.

Sponsor forms will be in the mail shortly. Reserve the date and get involved.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Make this summer your summer in Israel

- A new and exciting programme is being offered to young people of the Ottawa Jewish Community — at the lowest price ever!! — \$855. for seven weeks — all inclusive
- for information on this programme and/or other summer programmes contact Larry Harris, Israel Centre, 232-7306 or 225-6557.

J.C.C. Library Closed During Passover

The Jewish Community Centre

LIBRARY
will be closed

from Wednesday, April 14
to Sunday, April 25 inclusive.

The Library will re-open
on Monday, April 26.

YOUNG ADULTS "SPRING FLING II"

Saturday, April 24
8:30 p.m.

Montefiore Club
\$2.00 Admission

First drink free